

NO MORE T.V.

Toby and his little brother, Brad, were quietly watching T.V. that Tuesday night their lives changed so much. Their mom, Mrs. Green, had gone [as/ to/ if] a P.T.A. meeting at their school. [Rug/ Buy/ The] school rarely had nighttime P.T.A. meetings, [he/ so/ I] Mrs. Green had made a special [great/ their/ effort] to attend this one since she couldn't [attend/ dreamy/ shrill] the afternoon meetings because of her [mad/ job/ the]. Toby and Brad weren't what you [puffy/ would/ dough] call hooked on T.V., but it [tar/ card/ was] definitely part of their routine. They [watched/ notion/ kettle] cartoons in the morning as they [land/ what/ ate] their breakfast and cartoons again in [the/ milk/ nut] afternoon after school and then comedy [like/ shows/ relax] and police shows after supper.

Mrs. Green [save/ came/ too] home a little after eight o'clock. "[Boy/ Out/ How] was the P.T.A.?" asked Toby, as [at/ he/ up] looked up from a show about policemen [in/ her/ you] California. "Very interesting," replied his mother, "[as/ I/ in] learned some important information tonight. There [his/ was/ egg] a speaker from ReadAmerica at the [meeting/ reason/ whiten] and he told how important it [pal/ mob/ was] for children to read." "Oh right, [at/ I/ up] agree," said Toby, thinking he should [humor/ faded/ tight] his mother along. "Good," said Mrs. Green, "[At/ Do/ I] was hoping you would see this [do/ up/ my] way. This speaker told us the [were/ main/

whom reason children don't read is because free/ they/ good watch too much television." Toby spoke up/ me/ get, "You know, Mom, you are probably plane/ stood/ right. Some kids watch way too much." Mrs. Green organ/ merry/ looked carefully at Toby and Brad and ever/ then/ time said, "Yes, some kids do watch eat/ too/ the much and I'm looking at two sound/ mailed/ right now. From now on, there will I/ up/ be no more T.V. in this house." Toby and/ red/ yes Brad could only stare at their wanted/ before/ mother; surely she was only joking. But pay/ the/ him longer they stared, the more they game/ knew/ that this wasn't a joke. "From now on/ it/ we," Mrs. Green said, "there will be no/ if/ but more T.V. I will monitor you wig/ in/ let the morning and evening, but in had/ the/ ate afternoon until I come home from with/ were/ work, your conscience will be your guide."

I/ We/ At first Toby and Brad didn't know year/ what/ tree to do with all their time. Then/ Make/ Food they discovered all the games they had/ how/ to gotten at Christmas and got pretty come/ good/ wash at playing them and at playing various/ asking/ already games outside. But finally, out of desperation, hard/ they/ board reluctantly began to spend time reading. Rely/ Unfit/ Then before they knew it, they were spending said/ then/ more and more time reading. When they told/ porch/ loan their mother this, she just smiled and/ boy/ hum shook her head knowingly.